Registered medical practitioners.

326. *MR. D. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of registered medical practitioners in the different systems of medicine;

(*b*) the number of registered medical practitioners practising siddha vydiam:

(*c*) the number of applications received for registration from medical practitioners in the Siddha system; and

(*d*) the number of medical practitioners in the Siddha system in receipt of Government grant-in-aid?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1224

(*b*) 28.

(*c*) 1226; and

(*d*) 11.

Tariff values of timbers.

327. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: (*Moovattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the tariff values of the following timbers—

1. teak, 2. Erumulu. 3. Thempavu, 4. Anjily. 5. Maruthy, 6. Venteak, and 7. Firewood;

(*b*) the average rates at which the above timbers were sold this year at Varapuzha and Mudical depots; and

(*c*) whether they have sufficient stocks of these timbers in the depots?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) A statement showing the tariff values of items 1 to 7 is attached (statement A).

(*b*) A statement furnishing the average auction sale rates for items 1 to 6 is attached (statement B). No firewood is stacked in the depots.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know when this tariff rate was fixed?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: About two years ago, Sir.

Fuel.

328. *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware of the suffering due to the scarcity of fuel in the towns of Travancore?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: It is understood that the sale price of firewood in towns has risen considerably in common with the prices of other commodities. No suffering due to non-availability of fuel has been brought to the notice of Government.

*Vide Appendix I.—page 807.

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MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether the Government have considered the feasibility of opening Government firewood depots?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: May I know whether the Government are aware that the neighbouring State of Cochin has started these depots?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Yes. Cochin has started Government depots because Cochin has a lot of firewood felled during the rage for food production which they do not know what to do with.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware of the scarcity of firewood in the town?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: I have already stated that no scarcity exists.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know the price of firewood before the war?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: The question is indefinite.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the present rate per ton?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: In which place please?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: In the city of Trivandrum.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: The price was Re. 7/8 per ton, it is now Rs. 22 or 23.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether there is any suffering due to the high price?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: There is no sufferidg due to non-availability.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: But I ask whether there is any suffering due to the high price?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: It depends upon the capacity of the man who pays for it.

MR. T. K NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any steps have been taken to solve this problem of obtaining fuel.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Yes, Sir. Government have opened four coupes which will serve the Trivandrum area, three fuel coupes to serve the Quilon area. Contractors have been directed to supply firewood at the coupes at Rs, 7 per ton of 81 c.ft for bona-fide domestic consumption.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member what he means by the term Trivandrum area?

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RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : Within a distance of 20 miles from the town. That is the nearest reserve forest which can supply an appreciable quantity.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I do not understand the term even after the explanation.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : The area which comes in the Corporation of Trivandrum.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: So according to the honourable member the relief is needed only within the Corporation of Trivandrum ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: I said that relief is being given in Quilon also.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: My question is this; whether the honourable member considers it necessary to give relief to places other than the Trivandrum Corporation ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: In places within 20 miles of the centres of distribution the benefit will certainly accrue.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I ask whether he means that peoples in towns like Neyyattinkara must relieve themselves of the difficulties ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: It does not mean that. For Neyyattinkara there are other arrangements made, which are usual. There is nothing specially made.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know what those arrangments are ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: There are coupes near Kulasekaram and Thadikaramkonam.

MR. T. K NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the member be pleased to say how far Kulasekharam is from the Neyyattinkara town ?

PRESIDENT : What is the honourable member's suggestion ?

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: My suggestion is this. There is scarcity for fuel felt in Neyyattinkara and other places. Kulasekharam is far way,

PRESIDENT : Where is it to be supplied from according to the honourable member ?

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Some steps should be taken.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know the purpose for which these fuel coupes are opened ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : For supplying for domestic consumption and for industries.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know whether the Government feels any anxiety to give fuel to the people on a moderate rate ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : Well, that is why the rates were fixed for delivery at the coupes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know from the honourable member whether there was any arrangement with respect to Alwaye and Parur Municipalities ?

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RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: There have been no special arrangements.

Training at Dehra Dun.

329 * MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the name of the officer sent to Dehra Dun for forest training;

(*b*) whether the person so selected is from the department or not;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether there were no applicants from the department;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, what was the reason for selecting a non-departmental man for the training; and

(*e*) whether they are contemplating to send any more for training at Dehra Dun?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: (*a*) Mr. T. P. Visvanathan, B. Sc., (Hons.)

(*b*) Not from the department.

(*c*) There were applicants from the department.

(*d*) Since Mr. T. P. Visvanathan was considered to be the best candidate and because none of the departmental candidates had qualifications as high as his.

(*e*) Yes, two more candidates for the 1946-48 course.

T. B. in Palai.

330 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the necessity of a T. B. in Palai, Minachil taluk has been brought to the notice of the Government by any representation;

(*b*) if so, whether any measures have been taken by the Government; and

(*c*) whether the satrom maintained by the P. W. D. is suitable for camping of officers on circuit and respectable persons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes,

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is no satrom under P. W. D.

Tank infront of the M. M. School and the Chira in front of the E. H. School, Adoor.

331 *MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the public of Kunnattur for embanking the tank; and

(*b*) whether the present condition of the above tank is dangerous to pupils of the schools in the vicinity of the above tanks?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN...

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